

## 2012 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN

The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) looks at the projected future electricity supply and demand for the State of Connecticut and develops a plan to meet those needs. In the past three years the plan was developed by the state's electric utilities. This year the IRP will be developed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), as mandated by Public Act 11-80. The Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy which is part of DEEP will take the lead in developing the 2012 plan. The stated purpose of the 2012 IRP is to recommend "policies that will help make electricity cheaper, cleaner, and more reliable, while supporting in-state employment."

The 2012 IRP is scheduled for completion on March 30, 2012. At that time it will be submitted to the General Assembly and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA). The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), which represents consumers' interests, was not directly involved in the development of the IRP, but has been very active reviewing the Draft IRP and plans on submitting comments due on March 2, 2012. When the Final IRP is submitted to PURA and a docket is established, the OCC will be actively involved in that process as well.

The stated purpose of the 2012 IRP has some very laudable goals. The OCC will work diligently to make them a reality for the consumers of Connecticut.